

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (but not taken up)

Tax levied on local lorries in Bangalore City.

*Q.—466. Sri D. MUNICHINNAPPA (Bangalore South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that a tax of Rs. 650 to Rs. 850 for 3 months and a surcharge of Rs. 110 for 3 months is being levied for local lorries in Bangalore City ;

(b) if so, whether they intend to reduce the same as it is causing hardships to the lorry owners ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home).—

(a) Tax is assessed on the lorries in the State on the basis of permitted laden weight and not on the area of permit granted as per the revised rates fixed by the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Act, 1962 (Mysore Act No. 34 of 1962) which came into force with effect from 1-1-1963. Surcharge in this behalf is Rs. 112 50 per vehicle per quarter if the tax is compounded for three months or at the option of the operators 5 p. in the rupee on the freight payable to the operator of a public carrier vehicle.

(b) No.

Issue of Brake Certificates.

*Q.—467. Sri D. MUNICHINNAPPA (Bangalore South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that the lorry owners are experiencing great difficulty in getting brake certificates from the Road Transport Officer's Office, Bangalore ;

(b) if so, whether they would make proper arrangement for the issue of brake certificates just as tokens are issued on payment of taxes ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home) —

(a) No.

Applications for renewal of fitness certificate (Brake Certificate) has to be fixed 15 days in advance before the expiry period and there is no delay in issue of fitness certificate in such cases.

(b) This is not possible as inspections of the vehicles for fitness have to be conducted under Chapter V of the Motor Vehicles Act and passed as fit.